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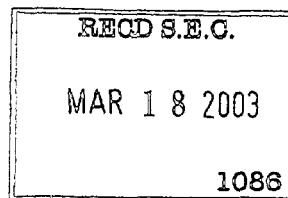
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Mr. Brian Johnson  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, MERRILL LYNCH DEPOSITOR, INC., PPLUS 8.25% Trust Certificates Series FMC-1 (the "Certificates") and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 18, 2003. Tentative listing date - Not yet determined.

Sincerely,